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Supervisor receives FEW Supervisor of Year Award

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO — The acting chief of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Technology Transfer and Corporate Communications Division, and the permanent chief of the Technology Transfer Branch, was recently honored as a recipient of the Federally Employed Women's Supervisor of the Year Award.

Tim Sharp, who has been a supervisor since 1980, received the award from Federally Employed Women (FEW) President Rita Soper and Dr. Vincent Russo, executive director of Aeronautical Systems Center, at an awards luncheon at the Hope Hotel, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, on November 5. Dr. Russo was also the guest speaker for the awards program.

Sharp received the award in Category II, which represented the achievements of Senior Management Level government employees.

Sharp supervises technical, managerial and administrative personnel involved in the management of a number of AFRL programs and all of the laboratory's communications programs. The programs include: Small Business Innovation Research; Dual Use Science and Technology; Independent Research and Development; Technology Transfer; and Tech Connect, the AFRL information hotline. Included in the communications programs that Sharp currently oversees are: the AFRL web site; Marketing; Success Stories; *AFRL Technology Horizons* magazine; and the Air Force Science Fair Program.

According to the nomination, Sharp used his knowledge and leadership experience to restructure "a number of existing positions and developed other positions to provide career experience opportunities and opportunities for growth to mid-level, administrative and secretarial personnel." The nomination added, "He crafted and filled positions to give maximum opportunity to qualified personnel within the laboratory."

During the award period, Sharp selected four qualified minorities for positions in the Tech Connect and Marketing programs; restructured an administrative position to a Management Analyst position for Freedom of Information Act requests, which allow a growth opportunity for a female administrator; and restructured two Technology Transfer program management positions, which allowed one female incumbent to gain a higher grade.

In addition, Sharp supports opportunities for women by speaking on career opportunities in logistics and program management, and volunteering at the Ladies Professional Golf Tournament held at Country Club of the North in Beavercreek, Ohio, every year since its inception. For the third year in a row he housed one of the LPGA professionals in his home for the week of the tournament.

"One of the goals of FEW is to obtain equality and advancement for women and minorities in the workplace," said Linda Myers, a representative of FEW. "Mr. Sharp exemplifies FEW's ideals of what constitutes a great supervisor."

FEW is a private, non-partisan organization founded to promote career advancement, increase job opportunities and develop support networks for federally employed women. Their programs include professional training, career planning and counseling and updates on pertinent legislative issues. @